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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal
4 Robert John "R.J." Newton of Creve Coeur, who passed away on
5 August 23, 2010, while supporting combat operations in Bastion,
6 Afghanistan; and

7 WHEREAS, LCpl. Robert Newton was born on August 21, 1989,
8 in Naples, Florida; his parents were Richard B. and Denise R.
9 Wainscott Newton; and

10 WHEREAS, LCpl. Robert Newton enlisted in the United States
11 Marine Corps shortly after graduating from East Peoria
12 Community High School in 2007; he served with the 3rd
13 Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division; he
14 was the recipient of numerous medals and decorations for his
15 meritorious service, including the Marine Good Conduct Medal,
16 the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Afghanistan and Iraq
17 Campaign Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the
18 National Defense Service Medal, the NATO Medal ISAF
19 Afghanistan, and a posthumous Purple Heart; he was well-known
20 among his peers for his great pride in being a United States
21 Marine; and

22 WHEREAS, LCpl. Robert Newton loved all outdoor activities,

1 including hunting, rock climbing, and playing baseball; he also
2 greatly enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and
3 driving his 4x4 truck; and

4 WHEREAS, LCpl. Robert Newton is survived by his parents;
5 his sister, Breanna Newton; his paternal grandparents, Robert
6 and Linda Newton; his maternal grandparents, John "Jack" and
7 Anita Wainscott; his aunt, Rebecca (Robert) Handy; his uncles,
8 Randall Newton and David (Tina) Wainscott; his many extended
9 family members; and his many lifelong friends; and

10 WHEREAS, LCpl. Robert Newton's patriotism and courage will
11 be remembered fondly by his loving family, his fellow soldiers,
12 and the citizens of our grateful nation; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 his family and friends, the passing of United States Marine
16 Corps Lance Corporal Robert John "R.J." Newton; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of LCpl. Robert Newton as an expression
20 of our sympathy.